

## For Immediate Release

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Re: Utah County Attorney David Leavitt Declines to Prosecute BYU Football Player, Chaz Ah You

The Utah County Attorney declined to prosecute Chaz Ah You. The case is declined on the basis of lack of admissible evidence, and in the interests of justice.

David Leavitt, Utah County Attorney in reference to the screening process said, "We receive the evidence and reports from law enforcement. The next step of the process is a review of what we have received by our screening team—a group that includes many of our most experienced attorneys. They review everything that is submitted. Through that careful process, a recommendation is forwarded from the screening team and reviewed by me for the final decision."

Leavitt continued, "Every case is unique. Every case has its own facts. I lean on the experience of my screening team to wisely balance the evidence with the rights of the accused, and the State's ability to be effective at trial. In this case, there is a lack of admissible evidence. Justice would not be served in this matter. This has nothing to do with who he is or where he attends school. My job is to safeguard the rights of all in a potential criminal matter and direct my attention to the law and the facts."

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